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LEND TO THE NATION.

"The world is watching us. The question is being asked: What of Canada? Is her spirit as high, her resolution as indomitable, her will to win as steadfast as in the days—now, please God, past forever—when disappointment, agony and bitterness of hope deferred were her almost daily lot? Remember, your particular Victory Loan subscription of a hundred, a thousand or a hundred thousand dollars will hasten peace by some fraction of time—veritable, however brief."

In this striking way Winnipeg Finance puts the case. It also quotes President Wilson, who said of the American Liberty Loan:

"Recent events have enhanced, not lessened, the importance of this loan. The best thing that could happen would be that the loan should not only be fully subscribed, but very greatly over-subscribed."

That loan was over-subscribed by a very large amount. It is up to Canada to do as much with the Victory Loan.

St. John made a splendid beginning yesterday. Whether it be much or little every citizen who can do so should have a share in the great national task. To quote again from Canadian Finance:

"Having put her hand to the plow Canada at home will not now turn back—any more than Canada's sons abroad will stay their efforts till complete victory is won. As the finance minister reminds us, a nation at war must make tremendous expenditures in cash to keep up her armies and supply them with munitions, food and clothing. Canada must finance many millions of dollars of export trade in food, munitions and supplies which Britain and our Allies must have on credit. For these purposes Canada must borrow hundreds of millions of dollars. And this money must be borrowed from the people of Canada. It cannot be too frequently iterated that the national safety, the national honor and the national well-being require that each and every Canadian shall do his duty by lending to the nation every cent he can spare for this purpose. The pocketbooks and savings accounts of the people are the real Canadian treasury today. To win this war, as it has to be won, we must prepare to open those pocketbooks wide and to transfer our present and potential savings to our country's keeping and use."

THE CASE OF AUSTRIA

The Austro-Hungarian foreign minister has formally notified President Wilson that his country agrees to all the conditions laid down, including that relating to the Czecho-Slovaks and the Jugo-Slavs, and desires to negotiate for peace "without awaiting the result of other negotiations." In other words, the foreign minister is prepared to conclude a separate peace, regardless of Germany.

The comment of the French press on this incident is significant. One journal observes that Austria-Hungary no longer exists, and another intimates that the government only "flatters itself that it exists," and therefore the only course to pursue at present is to take military guarantees and make no territorial or political stipulations. It is nevertheless a great gain to have the representative of the Austrian emperor express a desire to make a separate peace, and we can imagine how the news will be received in Berlin. The very successful military operations by the British, French and Italians on the Italian front are in the meantime gathering in the "military guarantees." More than 9,000 prisoners and fifty-one guns were captured on Sunday, and today's cables tell of important additional successes in a great battle still in progress. This new offensive promises great results. It is easy to understand why in the face of defeat on the fighting front and the rapid spread of the revolutionary spirit at home, the Austrian rulers are eager to make peace and save what they can. Austria-Hungary is today but a name. It is no longer a united people, and the Austro-German alliance apparently no longer exists. The Allies have but to follow their hand and there will be a real democracy in Central Europe.

THE LOSING BATTLE.

It may take some time for the German people to grasp fully the seriousness of their situation. They have been fed on false philosophy for so many years, and buoyed up with so many falsehoods in the last four years, that a proper mental readjustment may not be easy. The Allies can afford to wait, but not to rest. They must drive on toward Berlin. Time is on their side today as it was on many critical occasions when the troops held on with dogged determination until the needed reinforcements came. Every loss Germany now sustains may be described as total. Her man-power cannot be replenished. The morale of her armies is breaking down. The boldness of the critics of the Kaiser and his military advisers cannot but have its effect upon men on whom has dawned the truth that they fight a losing battle. We shall now see whether the Germans fight as well with their backs to the wall as did the British and French when disaster seemed certain. The latter knew they were fighting in a righteous cause, and were willing to pay the price. We can hardly believe that soldiers guilty of the crimes perpetrated by the Germans can regard their cause as righteous, and they now know it to be a losing cause. It would not be surprising if a steadily growing number of them objected to the point of rebellion to being sacrificed in a hopeless struggle. Indeed the people at home may solve their problem for them in a manner far from the liking of the Junkers. Austria and Turkey are practically out of the war, and the hammer blows of Foch are taking deadly toll on the western front.

THE EPIDEMIC.

The emergency meeting of women called by Hon. Dr. Roberts yesterday in the Veterans' Hall had a very practical outcome that should aid very materially in meeting the critical situation that exists all over the province as a result of the influenza epidemic. The Red Cross branches and the Women's Institutes cover the province fairly well. They are already organized and can act at once. There must be, as Dr. Roberts pointed out, people in every community who are well, and who could give aid to those who are ill. It is a question of organization, of having some one at the head in each locality to whom a doctor could appeal with some hope of getting the required assistance. It is not a question of getting a trained nurse, for that is in the majority of cases impossible, but of getting somebody with a little knowledge of nursing who is not afraid to lend a hand. There must be many such persons who will respond when the need is presented through the agency of the Red Cross and the Women's Institutes.

And there is no time to lose. As Dr. Roberts pointed out, what is done within the next forty-eight or seventy-two hours may have a notable effect in checking the spread of the disease. He put the case admirably. Our neighbors are sick and dying, and we should not be open to the reproach expressed in the phrase "man's inhumanity to man." When the people in each county and locality get to work with their own organization they can do a great and needed work, and relieve the pressure on this city, to which come so many appeals for help that can ill be spared.

The fact that there are at least a hundred families in this city today, not all of them poor, but all alike in need of either constant nurses or daily visits from women with some knowledge of nursing; and that none of them have yet received the needed assistance, cannot but impress the women who are well and free to render aid with a sense of their duty and responsibility. A great deal depends upon what is done immediately. The epidemic is at its height. Now is the time to check its ravages, and the task lies at the door of those who are well.

The offer made yesterday on behalf of a number of returned soldiers, who have seen the inside of more than one hospital, and who are willing to do what they can to assist, is greatly to their credit.

Very pathetic stories of illness and bereavement come from many parts of the province, and from some parts of this city as well. The earnest women who met in conference yesterday realise the seriousness of the situation, and it cannot be doubted that good results will follow.

Canada will give the Kaiser another jolt with the Victory Loan. He wanted Canada for one of his princelings. He wanted its boundless resources to exploit for the benefit of Germany. If he could win, of what value would be the wealth or the opportunity of any Canadian?

LIGHTER VEIN

Beat Them

Pat was working on a road in his shirt sleeves with two Englishmen.

The Englishmen decided to play a joke on the Irishman and painted a donkey's head on the back of Pat's coat, and waited to see him put it on.

Pat, of course, saw the head on his coat, and turning to the Englishmen said:

"Which of you wiped your face on my coat?"—Blue and White.

Working It Out

A school teacher received the following note:—

"Dear Madam,—Please ixcuse my Tommy to-day. He won't come to skule, because he is acting as timekeeper for his father, and it is your fault. U gave him a ixample if a field is six miles around how long will it take a man walking 3 1-2 miles an hour to walk 2 1-4 times round it. Tommy ain't a man so we had to send his father. They went early this morning and father will walk round the field and Tommy will time him, but pleas don't give my boy such ixamples agin, because my husban must go to work every day to support his family."—Brandon Sun.

Mrs. A.—Josephine is progressing by leaps and bounds in her piano practice.

Mr. A.—I thought that she couldn't make all that racket with her hands alone.

THE BELFRY OF BRUGES.

In the market place of Bruges stands
the belfry old and brown
Thrice consumed and thrice rebuilder
still it watched o'er the town.

Thick with towns and hamlets studded,
and with streams and vapours
gray,
Like a shield embossed with silver,
round and vast the landscape lay.

From their nests beneath the rafters
sang the swallows wild and high;
And the world, beneath me sleeping,
semed more distant than the sky.

Then most musical and solemn, bringing back the olden times,
With their strange, unearthly changes,
rang the melancholy chimes.

Like the psalms from some old cloister,
when the nuns sing in the choir.
And the great bell tolled among them,
like the chanting of a friar.

Visions of the day departed, shadowy
phantoms filled my brain;
They who lived in history only seemed
to walk the earth again.

All the Foresters of Flanders—mighty
Baldwin Bras de Fer,
Lyderick du Bucq de Fer,
Lyderick du Bucq and Cressy, Phillip,
Guy de Dampierre.

I beheld the pageants splendid that
adorned those days of old;
Stately dames, like queens attended,
knights who bore the fleece of
gold:

Lombard and Venetian merchants with
deep-laden argosies;
Ministers from twenty nations; more
than royal pomp and ease.

I beheld the Flemish weavers, with
Namur and Juliers bold.
Marching homeward from the bloody
battle of the Spurs of Gold.

Saw the fight at Minnewater, saw the
White Hoods moving west,
Saw great Artvelde victorious scale the
Golden Dragon's nest.

And again the whiskered Spaniard all
the land with terror smote:
And again the loud alarum sounded
from the toesin's throat;

Till the bell of Ghent responded o'er
lagoon and dyke of sand,
"I am Roland! I am Roland; there
is victory in the land."

This poem written many years ago by Longfellow, has a wonderful significance at the present time.

—BUY-VICTORY-BONDS—

Great Headwork.

A Yorkshire farmer who had been on a jury quite a number of times was asked who influenced him most, the lawyers, the witnesses, or the judge. This was his reply:—"I'll tell you, sir, 'ow I makes up my mind. I'm a plain man, and a resonin' man, and I ain't influenced by anything the lawyers say, nor by what the witnesses say; no, nor by what the judge says. I just looks at the man in the dock and I says, 'If he ain't done nothin', why's he there?' and I brings 'em all in guilty."

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MORNING WAR SUMMARY

New York, Oct. 28—The Associated Press tonight issued the following:

While both Germany and Austria are seeking to secure a cessation of hostilities and Turkey also is reported to be favorably disposed toward peace, the Entente Allied troops on all the battlefronts are giving no heed to peace proposals but are continuing without mercy to drive their foes before them.

And in all the battle zones the Allies are meeting with marked success. In France the German battle line is slowly disintegrating under the violence of the Allied offensive; in northern Italy the Austro-Hungarians are being forced back by the British, French and Italians with heavy losses in men killed, wounded or made prisoner; near the shores of the Mediterranean in Albania the Italians are driving the Austrians toward the Montenegro frontier while in Asiatic Turkey, both in Syria and Mesopotamia the British are fast clearing the Turks from their former strongholds.

Although the Germans in France and Flanders are still strenuously resisting the Allied attempts to break their line, they are steadily giving way under the force of the attacks. In the other theatres there apparently is not the same disposition to offer stubborn denial of the right of way, except possibly in the mountain region of Italy, where an attempt is being made by the Allied forces to open the back door into Austria.

Closing the Pincers.

South of Valenciennes in France Field Marshal Haig's forces, notwithstanding stiff opposition, have advanced their line in the general operation which has in view the capture of Valenciennes and pressing on toward Mons and Maubeuge in the general converging movement that is going on between Belgium and the region north of Verdun.

Farther south, from the Oise river to the region of Rethel, the French have gained a signal victory by forcing a retreat of the enemy in the big salient north of Laon and are threatening to cause the collapse of the entire German line eastward through a fast turning movement. American troops have been thrown into the line near Rethel and have advanced nearly a mile and taken numerous prisoners. The German war office admits the success of the thrust of the French between the Oise and Serre rivers and says that the German lines were withdrawn Sunday night to a front west of Guise and east of Crecy.

On the northern Italian front hard fighting is in progress between the Brenta and Piave rivers, along the Piave the Allied troops have been successful in crossing the river, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and taking more than 9,000 prisoners.

In Albania the Austrians have been driven by the Italians in the region of Alessio, which lies twenty miles southeast of Scutari just south of the Montenegro border. In Serbia the Austrians have evacuated Kraguievatz fifty-five miles southeast of Belgrade and are still in retirement toward the Danube.

The Turks are fast being driven out of Mesopotamia, having reached a position more than 155 miles north of Bagdad.

—BUY-VICTORY-BONDS—

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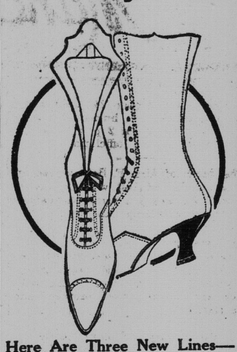

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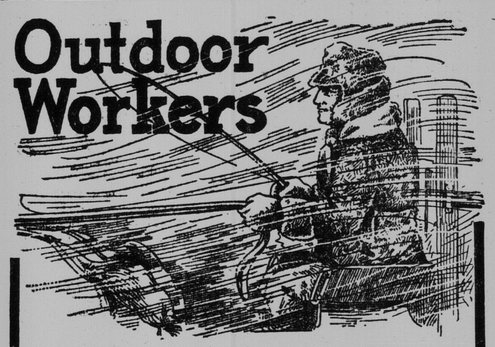

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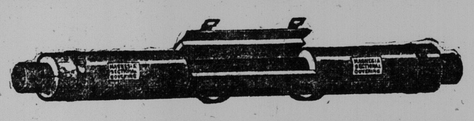

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